

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,
Governor's Office,
Richmond,

February 24th, 1904.

His Excellency, Edwin Warfield,
Governor of Maryland, Annapolis :

Sir:—I enclose a copy of a Joint Resolution of the General Assembly of Virginia, passed February 17th, 1904, and beg to request that you will transmit the same to the Legislature of your State.

I venture to suggest that the commemoration in question is of extraordinary significance, as the landing at Jamestown was the first permanent settlement of the English-speaking people on this continent by nearly fourteen years; indeed, as a result of this settlement, Virginia was an organized Colony with an elective General Assembly nearly two years prior to the landing of the heroic Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock. Therefore, this settlement is the genesis of our national government, and the original source of forces which have entered mightily into the fabric and growth of our Republic.

It is to be hoped that the magnitude of the historic commemoration may have the generous consideration of your State, and the earnest sympathy and co-operation of your people in appropriately bringing before the world so transcendent an event.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) A. J. MONTAGUE.

Joint Resolution of the General Assembly of Virginia. Passed February 17th, 1904.

Whereas, It is proposed to commemorate the first permanent Anglo-American settlement on this continent, made at Jamestown on the 13th day of May, 1607, by holding an International Exposition on the shores of Hampton Roads; and the State of Virginia has heretofore incorporated the Jamestown Exposition Company, under whose auspices such commemoration is to be held; and,